made in this regard by the AISSF (Manjeet) at Amritsar on Feb., 2, 1990 According to the Government of Punjab it could not elicit substantial public support. The State Government are keeping a close watch on the situation with a view to taking appropriate action as and when required.

Evacuation of IB Officials in Kashmir

142. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had taken a decision on the 14th January, 1990 to evacuate the families of the Intelligence Bureau officials posted in Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of such families that have been evacuated so far?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Searches by para-military forces in J&K

143. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that paramilitary forces had conducted searches of homes, hiding places and shelter places of suspected terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir from 1st January 1990 to 15th February, 1990; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 100 suspected sub-versive elements have been apprehended Some amount of arms and ammunition have also been seized.

Complaints about alleged misconduct by Indian Council General in U.S.A.

144. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from Indian expatriates settled in the USA regarding misconduct of the Indian Consul General in New York for allegedly abusing his position; and

(b) whether Government have got the complaints looked into; if so, the finding thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under verification.

Recent initiative by Pakistan for talks on Kashmir

145. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times' dated 22nd February, 1990 to the effect that Pakistan is willing to initiate talks on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's response was made known through a statement issued by the Official Spokesman on 23-2-1990. A copy of the statement is laid on the table.

Statement

We have seen the Pakistan Prime Minister's statement of February 21 where she indicates that Pakistan is